Complaints received by Indian Embassy in Germany

2733. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received since December, 1991 by the Embassy of India in Germany from Germany based companies against some Indian enterpreneurs/companies/firms etc;

(b) whether some of these companies abroad have sought to be compensated against their alleged financial loss;

(c) whether Indian Embassy in Germany has not investigated the matters in proper perspective of individual cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Indian Embassy in Germany have received two routine commercial complaints of administrative nature against Indian companies, since December '91. None of these two companies, sought any compensation against their alleged financial loss.

(c) and (d) All commercial complaints received against Indian Companies are invariably brought to the notice of the concerned Indian parties as well as the Trade Disputes Cell of the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi, who deals with each case on its merits under relevant rules and regulations.

Shifting of U.S. Naval Base

2734. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the U.S. Singapore accord on shifting of U.S. Naval logistic facility from the Subic Bay to Singapore;

(b) if so, what are the implications involved in the transfer of such facility so far as South East Asian region is concerned; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Singapore have clarified that the move would have to be within the framework of the November 1990 agreement entered into between USA and Singapore under which US forces would have increased use of military facilities in Singapore and that there was no question of setting up a US Base in Singapore. The Government of India have taken due note of this development.

Suggestions by Kuwaiti Indian Citizens

2735. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kuwaiti Indian citizens Committee had made certain suggestions to exploit the employment potential generated due to reconstruction in Kuwait after its liberation from the Iraqi occupation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of neglect in exploiting the opportunity the country has been losing substantial amount of foreign exchange in workers remittances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The memorandum contained, *inter alia*, some information about the reconstruction requirements and proposed that measures should be taken to increase the participation by Indian manpower.

(c) and (d) No, Sir; there has been no neglect. So far about 70,000 Indian nationals have returned to Kuwait and the flow continues.

2736. (*Transferred to the* 26th *March*, 1992)